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Edmonton Oilers goalie Nikolai Khabibulin makes a diving stop during first-period action against the St. Louis Blues on Tuesday. The netminder stopped 43 shots to lead the Oilers to a 3-0 win. For more coverage, see page 23. TOM GANNAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Province stays the course on teacher deal

No change. Education minister won't change deal to bring on reluctant boards



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The province is talking to Alberta school boards opposed to a recent deal for teachers, but it is not considering major changes to get them onside.

The Edmonton Public School Board voted last week to encourage the provincial school board association to reject it.

Kim Capstick, a spokesperson for education minister Jeff Johnson, said they are trying to bring boards onside,

but they are not changing course.

"We still have a lot of work to do, but we are not going to be deterred because one or two boards are concerned about it."

Edmonton Public Schools' trustee Michael Janz said the board hasn't had a chance to talk about a "comfort letter" Johnson released last week or other updates from the province.

"We will then have to have a conversation about that when we reconvene after spring break," he said.

Janz said the board's primary concern is that with the government freezing education spending, they can't afford the teacher deal.

"We still remain concerned about whether we can afford the commitments outlined in the agreement."

Other boards have raised concerns about a proposed cap on teacher instructional time and a proposed committee to deal with excess workload.

Capstick said they want support from boards, but those conditions won't be part of the deal boards will ratify.

"We are hoping to get support from all the school boards, but they don't actually sign off on it that is put in place by ministerial order," she said.

Boards do have to ratify the new agreement, but Capstick said the government has not yet considered what it would do if boards turn it down.

"We would certainly cross that bridge when we came to it," she said. "We're not there yet."

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Fraud-related raps

Charges laid in alleged Ponzi scheme

Edmonton police have charged a 42-year-old woman in an apparent Ponzi scheme that robbed investors of more than \$1.8 million.

Edmonton police Staff Sgt. Dan Service said the fraud involved 49 people in the Filipino community who were encouraged to invest and initially received returns, but then the money stopped flowing. He said their decision to come forward was essential to the investigation.

"They have been exceptionally co-operative and forthcoming and it is through their assistance that we are able to place this person before the courts." **RYAN TUMILTY/METRO**

Info on the go

LRT stations get digital displays

News, ads and real-time transit info will be provided at 12 Edmonton LRT stations through nearly 40 digital, 55-inch screens by the end of the year, according to ETS director of business development and facilities Patricia Waisman.

Digital screens were installed by Pattison Outdoor at Clareview, Belvedere, Coliseum, Stadium, Churchill, University, Southgate, and Century Park stations as of March 1, said Waisman, adding Central is next, followed by McKernan/Belgravia, Health Sciences/Jubilee and South Campus.

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Petros Kusmu, University of Alberta Students' Union vice-president external, speaks to students at a town hall regarding budget cuts on Tuesday.

ANNALISE KLINGBEIL/METRO

Few U of A students attend town hall event

Despite a mass e-mail inviting all of the University of Alberta's undergraduate students to a town hall meeting regarding budget cuts, less than 200 people attended the event.

"Why are more students not excited about this?" Students' Union (SU) president Colten Yamagishi asked the students who did attend Tuesday's event, which was hosted by the SU.

"We sent out an all student e-mail, but we've got maybe

0.25 per cent of the student population here."

While the event was an opportunity for students to share their concerns, few did.

Instead, Liberal MLA Raj Sherman and NDP MLAs Rachel Notley and David Eggen took to the microphone and spoke to students.

"They key is you young people need to focus on the big issue(s) and you've got to get involved," Sherman told students

gathered at the Students' Union Building.

Petros Kusmu, SU vice-president external, said the premier has promised cuts to post-secondary education won't fall on the backs of students.

"As long as that promise is being kept, you're not going to see the entire 30,000 undergraduate students at the U of A being on the streets (protesting)," he said.

ANNALISE KLINGBEIL/METRO

Stricter supervision ratio at city pools

Reduction in numbers.

Caregivers can only bring 3 young children each, instead of 5



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A caregiver heading to any city aquatic facility can now only bring three children under the age of eight along, instead of five.

A caregiver in this situation must be 15 years of age or older.

The City of Edmonton recently adjusted its caregiver to bather ratio to one to three.

"Our pools ... have changed over time," said director of leisure centres Judith Rohovie. "We used to have a rectangular pool.

"Now we have lazy rivers, we have climbing walls, we have tipping buckets, we have slides. So we're constantly re-viewing process and protocols."

The new rule came into effect March 15 in light of a report released last November in partnership with the Lifesaving Society following two deaths at city pools in 2012, including a seven-year-old.

The society recommended the city review the ratio, which Rohovie said they do annually.

Paula Sousa, who brings her nine-year-old son to the Terwillegar Community Recreation Centre, approves of the change.

"I would say it's a good thing because obviously it's hard to look after five kids in a swimming pool."

Along with the rule, enforced at the front desk, there are lifeguards and the city also campaigns for young children to be within arms reach.



Judith Rohovie, the city's director of leisure centres, stands poolside at the Terwillegar Community Recreation Centre Tuesday during Spring Break.

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Italian court orders retrial for Amanda Knox and ex-boyfriend

Protracted murder case. Pair were convicted and later acquitted in slaying of roommate

Italy's highest criminal court ordered a whole new trial for Amanda Knox and her former Italian boyfriend on Tuesday, overturning their acquittals in the gruesome slaying of her British roommate.

Knox, now a 25-year-old University of Washington student in Seattle, called the decision "painful" but said she was confident she would be exonerated.

The American left Italy a free woman after her 2011 acquittal — but only after serving nearly four years of a 26-year prison sentence from a lower court that convicted her of murdering Meredith Kercher. The 21-year-old British

exchange student's body was found in November 2007 in a rented house the two shared in the Italian town of Perugia. Her throat had been slit.

Raffaele Sollecito, Knox's Italian boyfriend at the time, was also convicted, sentenced and later acquitted.

It could be months before a date is set for a fresh trial for Knox and Sollecito.

Italian law cannot compel Knox to return for the new trial and one of her lawyers, Carlo Dalla Vedova, said she had no plans to do so.

It was a tough blow for the former exchange student, whose parents have had to mortgage both their homes to raise funds for her lengthy, expensive defence.

Prosecutors alleged that Kercher was the victim of a drug-fuelled sex game gone awry. Knox and Sollecito denied wrongdoing and said they weren't in the apartment



Amanda Knox in 2011 after hearing the verdict that overturned her murder conviction. PIER PAOLO CITO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

that night, although they acknowledged they had smoked marijuana and their memories were clouded.

An Ivory Coast man, Rudy Guede, was convicted of the

Kercher slaying in a separate proceeding and is serving a 16-year sentence.

Whether Knox ever returns to Italy to serve more prison time depends on a string of ifs

and unknowns.

Whether Italy actually requests extradition will be a political decision made by a future Italian government.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Prepared statement

Knox reacts

Knox said it was "painful to receive the news," after the trial showed the prosecution case was "unfounded and unfair."

"My family and I will face this continuing legal battle as we always have, confident in the truth and with our heads held high in the face of ... unreasonable adversity," the 25-year-old said in a statement Tuesday.

Mark Waterbury, author of *The Monster of Perugia: The Framing of Amanda Knox*, said, "It just amazes me that the system drags on ... when the case would have been thrown out in the United States long ago."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

War on drugs. Police went too doggone far in search, says U.S. Supreme Court

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that police violated a Miami-area homeowner's constitutional rights by using a dog to sniff outside the home being used to grow marijuana.

The court voted 5-4 to uphold a court decision throwing out the evidence seized because of Franky the dog's alert to police.

Justice Antonin Scalia said a house and its surroundings



Franky, a narcotics-detector canine
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are constitutionally protected. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Royal Caribbean

Death on cruise 'suspicious': FBI

An FBI spokesman says a death aboard a Royal Caribbean cruise ship has been classified as suspicious.

The FBI is investigating the death of a 62-year-old Virginia woman who travelled on the *Enchantment of the Seas*. Royal Caribbean says the woman's husband found her body inside her cabin on Sunday.

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Toronto mayor rejects 'lies' of alcohol abuse

Toronto's embattled mayor is denying allegations that he showed up drunk for an official function last month, dismissing the latest controversy to plague his mayoralty as "lies after lies."

An agitated Rob Ford addressed the allegations briefly at a news conference Tuesday, blasting a Toronto newspaper for what he called its "relentless" attacks against him.

"It's the Toronto Star going

after me again," he said.

The Star reported Ford was asked to leave the Garrison Ball, which raises money for the Wounded Warriors charity, over concerns he was drunk.

It also said current and former members of Ford's staff have described a longtime battle with alcohol abuse.

The paper's report is based on several unnamed organizers and guests. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Rob Ford deflects the claims against him. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Moonshine, aftershave killing droves in ex-Soviet nations



A supermarket in Ternopil, western Ukraine. ROMAN ZACHARIJ/WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Alcohol causes 40 to 60 per cent of premature deaths among working-age men and a third of women in the former Soviet nations, according to research from medical journal *The Lancet*. Homemade and non-commercial spirits are blamed, along with government failures, for the death of around a million people annually.

"The big problem is the easy availability of spirits from pharmacies, sold as products such as aftershave," Martin McKee, *Lancet* author and alcohol specialist at the London School

of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, told Metro. "Everyone knows about this, but there is a reluctance toward programs with a medical approach."

Of the 12 ex-Soviet states, Ukraine and Belarus are the greatest concerns, says McKee. "There are no restrictions, and the problems continue to grow."

Russia is one of the highest consumers of alcohol and has the highest risk rating from the World Health Organization. There has been progress — spirits are more tightly controlled, and beer has replaced

vodka as the most popular drink — but the problem is growing.

"Despite some advances, the situation is desperate," said Dr. Yuri Razvodovsky, alcohol and drug researcher at Belarus' Grodno State Medical University. "It's crucial to improve the quality of licensed alcohol as many people believe homemade products are better, explaining the popularity of moonshine." Police must target illegal production, now a major industry, Razvodovsky added.

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Perils of alcohol

"The cause of two-thirds of alcohol mortality is sudden cardiac arrest with no warning," said Kirill Danishevsky, co-chair of Control Alcohol!, a Russian grassroots group.

- The *Lancet* report found that alcohol increased the risk of diseases such as tuberculosis.
- Drinking was also tied to homicide rates.



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Curfews imposed in Myanmar as violence spreads

Religious tensions.

Unrest sparked last week in the central city of Meikhtila; clashes last year left hundreds dead

Authorities in Myanmar imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew in three townships on Tuesday after anti-Muslim religious violence touched new parts of the country, edging closer to the main city of Yangon.

State television reported incidents in the three townships in Bago region, all within 150 kilometres of Yangon. The latest attack Monday night was in Gyobingauk, where it said "troublemakers" damaged a religious building, shops and some houses. The



A Myanmar Muslim in Malaysia protests against unrest in Meikhtila, Monday. LAI SENG SIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

report said similar attacks on religious buildings, shops and houses occurred Sunday night. Official reports use the term "religious buildings" in

an apparent attempt to dampen passion, though in most cases the targets were reportedly mosques.

The announcement said an emergency law known as Section 144 would be applied in the three townships. It will ban public assemblies, marches and speeches and impose a 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew.

The religious unrest began with rioting a week ago in the central city of Meikhtila, sparked by a dispute between a Muslim shop owner and his Buddhist customers.

The New Light of Myanmar newspaper said Tuesday that eight more bodies were found in Meikhtila as soldiers cleared devastated areas set ablaze by anti-Muslim mobs during three days of rioting, bringing the death toll to 40.

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Hard times remembered

Former political prisoner Fatos Lubonja speaks in Tirana on Tuesday during the inauguration ceremony of a memorial to commemorate all former political prisoners who suffered under the Communist regime of Albania's late dictator Enver Hoxha. The memorial is formed of a 2.4-tonne fragment of the Berlin Wall placed next to a concrete bunker and supports taken from a notorious mine in Spac, some 100 kilometres to the north, where political prisoners were once forced to work under the notorious Hoxha regime. HEKTOR PUSTINA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coming to America

Prosecutors break up trafficking ring

Romanian prosecutors have searched tourism agencies on suspicion they are a front for a ring that moves Romanians into the U.S. and Canada through Mexico. Some 600 people travelled to Mexico, and of those, 300 were discovered in the U.S., prosecutors said.

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Poland

Men accused of stealing van full of coffins go on trial

Three men have gone on trial in Poland, suspected of having stolen a van in Germany that contained 12 coffins. They were arrested in October and the coffins — with bodies — were found afterward in the woods. The thieves apparently dumped the coffins after they realized the van was on its way to a crematorium. The men could face up to 10 years in prison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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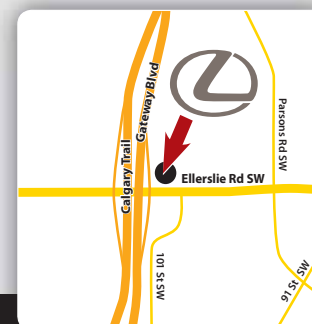


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Judge Judy's son impeding child-rape case: Sheriff

Investigation.

Adam Levy, a New York attorney, denies allegations against him

A suburban district attorney who is the son of TV's Judge

Judy is being accused of interfering in a child-rape case in which the suspect is his personal trainer.

Putnam County District Attorney Adam Levy has recused himself. But the local sheriff says Levy is still trying to influence, and perhaps undermine, the investigation.

Levy says the sheriff's allegations are unfounded.

The two officials have also argued over whether the suspect lived with Levy.

Levy's mother, Judy Sheindlin of Judge Judy, says the investigation should focus on the rape case.

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Budget 2013. Our seniors will pay the price.

Are Alberta's seniors and families one "bitumen bubble" away from losing their quality of life?

Apparently, they are. Because the government relies so heavily on oil and gas royalties instead of fair taxes, every time the price of oil takes a hit, so do our public services—and benefits.

This year 3000 seniors won't qualify for the Alberta Seniors Benefit Program because they won't have lived in Canada for 10 years. Some 6000 others—who must now report other benefits to their income, such as disability payments—will have their Alberta benefits reduced. This is unacceptable.

The Alberta Liberal Opposition is working to break this resource cycle with a new 30-year "Greenprint for the Future". But first we want to hear from you.

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Londoners feel like they're frozen solid

Icicles hang from a statue in Trafalgar Square, central London, in the midst of chilly conditions on Tuesday. The cold weather is predicted to continue in the coming days, with freezing temperatures and high winds hitting many regions of Britain. ANDREW MATTHEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Harry in the U.S. Prince will keep his clothes on this time: N.J. governor

Gov. Chris Christie says no one will be getting naked when Prince Harry visits New Jersey in May.

A listener asked Christie on a radio call-in show Monday if there are any plans to make sure the prince behaves.

Christie says he'll be with Harry the entire time and that Queen Elizabeth II knows she can trust her grandson with the governor of New Jersey.

On his last U.S. visit, the third in line to the British throne was caught frolicking in the nude with a woman in Las Vegas after an alleged game of strip billiards. The governor says lots of young



Prince Harry in Brazil on March 11, 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

people make mistakes.

Christie, speaking on TownSquare Media's Ask the Governor program, says he's thrilled the prince wants to see the damage caused by Superstorm Sandy and be helpful.

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Wallaceburg, Ont.

Alleged meat thief tosses stolen items as he flees police

A hungry thief led police on a chase through the streets of a small southwestern Ontario town Monday, tossing pilfered meat on the ground as he fled.

The 27-year-old suspect was spotted at the No Frills grocery store in Wallaceburg — south of Sarnia

— around 6 p.m. Police say he attempted to leave the store without paying for about \$55 worth of meat.

Police responded and pursued the man along the road. During the chase, the alleged thief was observed throwing away packages of meat.

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WHEN YOU CAN'T BEAR PANDA HYPE

I'm not sure what it is about giant pandas.

Most of the time, they just sit there. The rest of the time they eat bamboo. Repeat.

But this week, two giant pandas are the toast of Toronto, and therefore the rest of Canada. China has loaned two of the rare bears to Canada: five years in Toronto, and then five in Calgary, and they landed at Pearson airport Monday, via FedEx.

Stephen Harper, who looks a little pandaesque himself, signed for the bears.

The rest of us will have to travel to Toronto or Calgary if we want to watch Er Shun (the girl panda) and Da Mao (the boy) just sit there and eat bamboo.

Of course, the other important panda viewing activity is watching them have sex. There are only between 1,500 and 3,000 of these bears left in the world, so whenever a pair overcomes the performance anxiety that goes with being a spectacle of international co-operation and



JUST SAYIN'
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produces a cub or cubs, there is much rejoicing.

There's even a form of pornography dedicated to encouraging pandas to get it on. It doesn't really work.

So Er Shun and Da Mao travelled 15 hours in a box to live in a zoo and get gawked at. Not a tantalizing prospect if you prefer the seclusion and serenity of the mountain forests of your natural habitat in Sichuan, China. But when you're on the Red List of Threatened Species, I suppose you should feel grateful you can still earn your bamboo by just sitting there, looking awfully cute.

So cute that Toronto hopes millions of people will line up to watch Er Shun and Da Mao just sit there, plus buy the inevitable panda spinoffs.

Of course, not everyone is enchanted by the panda-monium, especially those who think we should close all the

zoos and set the animals free into the wild.

Where, I might add, it is more than likely they will be systematically poached, climate changed, overrun — and run over — into oblivion.

Any visit to a zoo these days is a depressing experience, not just because zoos are depressing places (spend some time watching morose gorillas behind glass: uplifting), but because there is literally no survival alternative for a vast array of species on display.

Zoos are, really, the last safe places for many animals. But only the cute ones — like pandas — or the interesting ones — like gorillas.

Ugly or nondescript critters just go quietly extinct without a fuss even from animal rights advocates, who have a tendency to champion the poster pandas and leave the wart hogs to fend for themselves.

If you don't believe me, I leave you with a simple number, more eloquent than I will ever be: 200.

That's the number of species, according to the UN, that are gone everyday.

ZOOM

Stop watching and start paddling



RICHARD GARDNER/REX FEATURES

Ever see a shark attack in a pool?

Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water ... there's a shark attack on your screen. A swimming pool in Leeds, England, has been transformed into a swim-along cinema.

The temporary set up at Bramley Baths featured a large projector screen and speakers streaming the audio both under and over the water.

For Jane Earnshaw, cinema organizer and festival director of I Love West Leeds Festival, coming up with the idea of a swim-along cinema was simple.

"In the past, our festival organized pop-up cinemas in parks and housing estates," she told Metro. "I wanted to have one in a local swimming pool and I thought to myself, 'What is the most iconic water movie?' There was only one answer and it was Jaws. It was an absolute cinch." **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Feel like swimming?

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swimmers took part in the event. Another 25 visitors flanked the pool's balconies to watch Jaws. Previous quirky events at the venue have included a floating orchestra and an underwater art exhibition.

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If sending a tweet is like tossing a pebble into the ocean, then these folks who re-purpose them are the heroes sifting through the silt in search of pebbles they can polish to a shine.

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Comments

RE: How Twitter #Hashtags Are Invading Our Lives, IRL, published March 26

#sotruel I use hashtags online and verbally a lot. Especially to make a point or make a story more entertaining. For example I love to use #awkward, #romance and my all-time favourite #eyeroll!
Ben B posted to metronews.ca

RE: Tory Backbenchers Say They're Muzzled, published March 26

Is this new(s)?
Albert Ormiston
posted to metronews.ca

RE: U.S. Bars Test Boundaries of Legal Marijuana, published March 26

I think what Vapor Central, a vapor lounge in Toronto, provides is a very successful model: No alcohol allowed. Like myself, many cannabis users do not drink or want to be around drinking and drunks.
MaryJane Cannabian posted to metronews.ca

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Max Irons and Saoirse Ronan star in *The Host* — an alien movie from the *Twilight* author. ALAN MARKFIELD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Not your typical alien movie

The Host. The latest offering from the *Twilight* author flips the script on what has been the standard blood bath flick



IN FOCUS
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In *The Host*, the hotly anticipated new film written by *Twilight* scribe Stephenie Meyer, a parasitic alien is injected into the body of Melanie Stryder, played by Saoirse Ronan.

Sounds grim, but remem-

ber, this is from the lady who gave us sparkly vampires and undying love, so the alien inside is kind of a lovesick creature who helps the host body find her loved ones.

That's a lot more benign than other parasitic alien movies.

The most famous alien organism — in the movie *Alien*, naturally — literally burst on the screen, poking its horrible head through the chest of John Hurt in one of cinema's most indelibly creepy moments.

To get a natural reaction from his actors, director Ridley Scott didn't fully explain what was about to happen as they shot the scene.

"Everyone (on the crew) was wearing raincoats," said Sigourney Weaver. "We

should have been a little suspicious."

When the alien came careening out of Hurt's body the actors were genuinely surprised.

Blood oozed all over the set and the shock was so intense it's alleged that Veronica Cartwright passed out and Yaphet Kotto was so freaked out he went to his room and wouldn't talk to anyone.

Much less bloody is *The Puppet Masters*, which sees the earth invaded by alien "slugs" that piggyback on people's backs, controlling their minds.

Based on the Robert A. Heinlein 1951 novel, the film starred Donald Sutherland, who also appeared in one of the genre's classics, *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*.

Scary movie

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On the unforgettable scene in *Alien*

The original movie of the story, taken from Jack Finney's classic novel *The Body Snatchers*, dates from 1956 and has been declared by the Library of Congress as "culturally, historically, or esthetically significant," but it is the Sutherland version, from

1978, that is truly chilling.

The story of alien infiltration — humans are being replaced one by one by emotionless ETs — was called "the best film of its kind ever made" by *The New Yorker's* Pauline Kael and a movie that "validates the entire concept of remakes," according to *Variety*.

The strangest movie parasite wasn't an alien, but a bug that feeds on fear.

In the *Tingler*, these parasites attach themselves to their host's spine and tingle when the host is frightened or scared.

In its original 1959 run it was shown with the *Percepto!* gimmick that gave some of the theatre seats a small electrical jolt — or tingle — during the movie's climax.

Before Justin Timberlake was a triple threat

Retrospective. Metro looks back on a time when JT wasn't the international sensation he is today

PAT HEALY
Metro World News

Think about Justin Timberlake's position in popular culture right now.

Dude is absolutely everywhere.

He's what they call in da biz a classic triple-threat (he sings, dances and acts). Heck,

the dude could probably be an octuple threat if he wanted to be (writing, painting, sculpting, trapeze, Grand Canyon-jumping).

But it's hard to remember that once upon a time, JT was only a double-threat, singing and dancing with N'Sync. Yes, there was a time when he wasn't so unabashedly accepted by every breathing human on the planet.

Before he hosted *Saturday Night Live* for the first time a decade ago, most people just knew him as the dude from that boy band who was the only person to be able to say he had gotten busy with Brit-



Justin Timberlake has come a long way from his boy band days. HANDOUT

ney Spears.

Sure, he had a few awesome solo singles by that time, but it wasn't until the

SNL appearance in October of 2003 that he began to achieve universal acceptance and the world learned just how funny

he was.

But by the time he did SNL, JT had already started popping up in strange places, and we think we've located the first, in an odd, forgotten clip from the summer of 2003, where he sat in with the Flaming Lips on the British TV show, *Top of the Pops*.

He took off a giant dolphin mask before the performance and happily filled in the bottom end and sang along as Wayne Coyne sang about Yoshimi battling pink robots.

From then on, when he sang, "Don't be so quick to walk away," we made sure we stuck around.



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Being country doesn't mean she can't talk pot

New album. Kacey Musgraves getting praise for a genre-busting disc that tackles issues in realistic terms

Kacey Musgraves hates the genre column on iTunes. It's the label to end all labels.

The 24-year-old Texas-born singer-songwriter is the focus of Nashville this week as she releases her new album *Same Trailer Different Park*.

She has two songs in the Top 20 at country radio and is on tour with Kenny Chesney. By the end of that sentence, like iTunes, you probably stamped the word country on her music. That's only partially true. Everybody's finding out there's a lot more to Kacey Musgraves.

"My favourite compliment probably ever is when someone tells me, 'I don't like country music, but I like your music,'" Musgraves said. "It really stokes me out when I hear that. It's cool because



Self-assured newcomer Kacey Musgraves is on a mission to rewrite the rules in Nashville. GETTY IMAGES

I don't want to be defined by the iTunes label. So if I can just make good music that can appeal to a range of

people, then I'll be happy."

So far, she's on target. Those songs, *Mama's Broken Heart*, written for Miranda

Lambert, and her own lead single *Merry Go 'Round*, have stormed right on up the radio airplay charts. Even the

media types who often ignore mainstream country music are on board. Rolling Stone's Jody Rosen says in a four-star review, "The album showcases a songwriting voice you won't hear anywhere else in pop: young, female, downwardly mobile, fiercely witty." And Ann Powers of indie rock-focused tastemaker NPR says it unfolds like a novel and considers it a "gift." "Pop desperately needs women artists like Musgraves — women who can tell the stories of their regular sisters and nieces and aunts and uncles and boyfriends in optimistic but realistic terms."

Musgraves sings of small-town lovable losers stuck in a loop on *Merry Go 'Round* and espouses smoking weed and erasing romantic gender lines in *Follow Your Arrow*. That's just the start. Musgraves has delivered an album meant to gently, but pointedly, jostle the status quo.

"I would love to change things about country," she said. "I think we need to be a little more accepting. If you listen to every other genre there's no issue talking about

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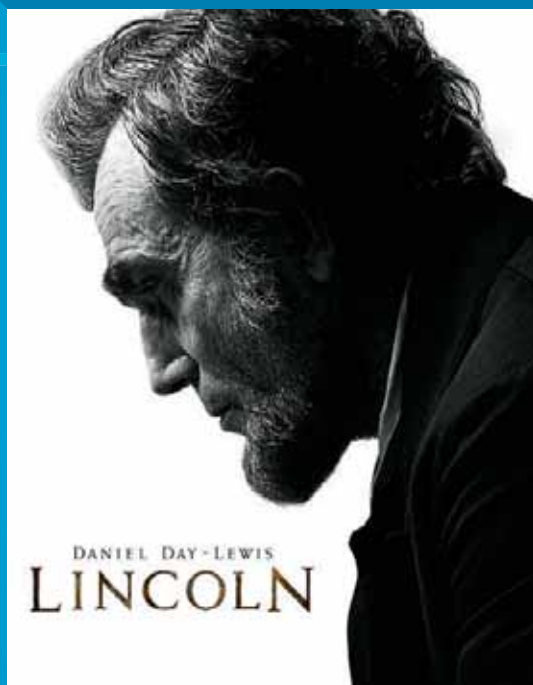
Same Trailer Different Park is the latest album from Kacey Musgraves

- **Odd ball.** The petite brunette showed up to a recent interview at an East Nashville coffeehouse that serves hipsters, without a hint of country in her wardrobe. She then proceeded to do her own hair and makeup for a shoot.

pot or homosexuality or atheism or whatever it is. But you move to our genre and you're like X'd if you bring up any of that."

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James Franco. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

James Franco lets it spill on Hathaway and Lohan

James Franco insists he and Anne Hathaway have made peace with each other after their disastrous Oscars hosting gig two years ago.

"Anne and I made up, by the way. Let's just get that on the record," Franco told Howard Stern during an interview.

"It was a really hard time after the Oscars. She wasn't mad at me, I don't think. She didn't say she was mad at me for what happened. The critics were so nasty."

The Spring Breakers star also addressed a rumour that he'd turned down an offer to sleep with Lindsay Lohan.

Not trying to kiss and tell

"I don't want to, like, brag about it. I don't know how that got out."

James Franco
Speaking about Lindsay Lohan asking him to have sex with her.

"I don't want to, like, brag about it. I don't know how that got out," Franco said. "She was having issues even then, so you feel weird. Honestly, she was a friend. I've met a lot of people that are troubled, and sometimes you don't want to do that."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Chris Brown trying to nurse his public black eye

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Chris Brown was PR coached within an inch of his life before appearing on On Air With Ryan Seacrest yesterday.

How do we know?

The singer said everything that everyone wants him to say about his brutal assault of girlfriend Rihanna four years ago.

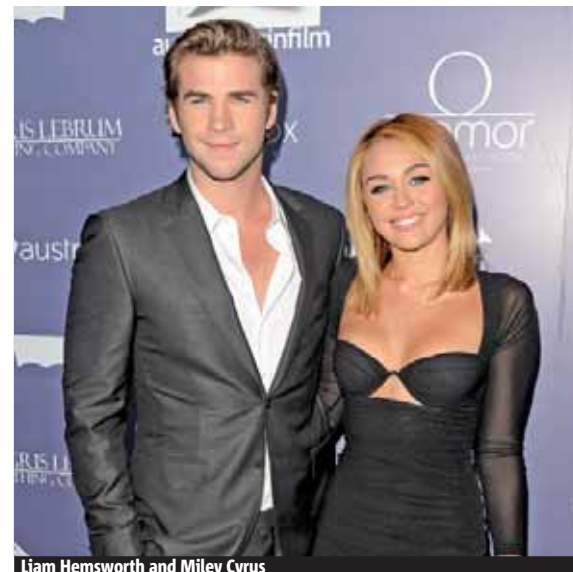
"I just tried my best to be the best man I could be over the years and just show her how remorse-

ful and sorry I was for the incident and that time was probably the worst part of my life and being that she has and she's a wonderful person I'm eternally grateful and thankful," he said about trying to make amends with her and the world.

And as for the backlash that the two are back together?

"People are entitled to their opinions. I can't go around blaming. It's all about my responsibility and me growing up as a man," he said. "So I think now that I'm becoming older, and trying to mature in this life under the public eye at all times, I have to focus on doing the right thing and being more of a humble individual."

Now, if he would only act like he believes this.



Liam Hemsworth and Miley Cyrus

Cyrus and Hemsworth still working out their problems

Miley Cyrus and fiancé Liam Hemsworth are reunited after his four-week visit to his native Australia, and all the speculation about their relationship status "has caused a lot of stress" for them, according to E! News.

"There are some serious problems going on, but see-

ing them together, they do genuinely love each other and they really do want to work it out," a source says of the ordeal.

"His trip to Australia was a way for them to figure out what they wanted to do and have time to think for themselves."

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Most of downtown Amsterdam looks like one huge open-air museum and strolling its streets costs you nothing. Renting a bike is not free, but if you want to go native, it's the only way to travel. Just watch out for the traffic and tram rails.

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The canals

Amsterdam's canals are 400 years old this year, but strolling along the waterways never gets old. The scenery includes Golden Age mansions dating to the 17th century, converted warehouses and narrow buildings that sometimes look like they're ready to topple over sideways. The ring of canals starts with the Singel, which boasts a floating flower market. Then come the Herengracht, Keizersgracht and finally the Prinsengracht. Once you've worked up a thirst pounding the cobbled sidewalks, stop off for a drink in one of the "brown cafés" — small bars named for their dark wooden interiors — along the canals or in the web of narrow alleys that interconnect them. If you visit the Red Light District (and most tourists do), you'll discover

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Free things to do when in Amsterdam

Begijnhof

The clatter of trams and ringing of bicycle bells can be an assault on the ears, but there's a hidden oasis of peace in the heart of Amsterdam if you need a little quiet time. The Begijnhof is a small grassed courtyard surrounded by beautiful 17th- and 18th-century houses that were originally built for pious Catholic single women. It's right in the middle of town and reachable by a gateway at the end of a lane leading off one of the city's busiest shopping streets, but it is almost eerily silent. The courtyard also holds a small English Reformed Church and a Catholic chapel. If you don't manage to get into the Rijksmuseum to see Rembrandt's Night Watch, right around the corner from the Begijnhof is another hidden (and free) gem of the city, the Schuttersgalerij, or Civil Guard Gallery, of the Amsterdam Museum.



Vondelpark

The city's most famous park is just a stone's throw from Museum Square and a great place for a picnic. The 116-acre park (47 hectares) has ponds, tree-lined pathways, kids' playgrounds, an open-air theatre and cafés. You can rent inline skates, but it's mainly just a great place to lay down a blanket and sit for an hour or two watching the world go by. Look out for the Picasso sculpture of a fish in one of its meadows.

Eye

One of Amsterdam's newest landmarks is a stark, white film institute, called the EYE, perched on the northern bank of the Ij waterway. While you have to pay to take in a movie, the café and its terrace are open to all who are prepared to buy a cup of coffee or light meal and offer a front-row seat to watch barges chug along the Ij against a backdrop of the city skyline. Remember that Amsterdam, at its heart, is a busy port. Getting there is another of the city's unsung pleasures — you squeeze onto a free commuter ferry usually crammed with cyclists from behind Central Station.



Markets

Amsterdam's wealth began in its port with the merchants who bought and sold everything from tulip bulbs to spices from the East Indies. A little of that mercantile past can still be seen at the city's many markets. The most famous is the Albert Cuyp food market in the Pijp neighbourhood, which sells, as the city website puts it, everything from cheese to bicycle chains, six days a week. The prettiest is the Noordermarkt, a sort of grower's market that sets up each Saturday outside the historic Noorderkerk church, next to the Prinsengracht canal. The best flea market is at Waterloo Square every day except Sunday close to the Amstel River.

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Don't languish over lost luggage

Trip tips. Losing a suitcase is a worst-case travel scenario, but you can lessen the chances your bag ends up in limbo



ON THE MOVE
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A couple of years ago while travelling to attend a conference in Barcelona, the airline lost my luggage. To add to the pain, my seat mate on the plane accidentally dropped a bowl of cereal in my lap. Arriving in wet, dirty clothes with nothing to wear was a less than pleasant experience.

Unfortunately there is nothing you can do to guarantee

that your luggage makes the trip but there are a few ways to minimize the risk and the potential pain.

If it's convenient to your travels, choose an airline that has a good track record in ensuring on-time arrivals of baggage. There are several websites, like dot.gov/airconsumer, which will give you the latest statistics on how major carriers perform in this area.

When booking a flight try to make it's a direct one. The more changes, the greater the chance you or your bags could miss a connection.

Remove all old luggage tags from your suitcase before you arrive at the airport.

Label the bag inside and out with your contact information. By putting an address on the inside it ensures you can be reached even if your tags get ripped off. Use a work address versus your home address so

any potential thieves looking for houses to target come up empty handed.

Put important items such as medications and valuables in your carry on. You will not be reimbursed for all the items in a lost piece of luggage. Airlines have a maximum that they will pay per piece of luggage, regardless of the contents.

When it comes time to fly, don't check in late. Adhere to the schedule guidelines provided by the airlines. If you are running to make a flight so is your bag.

Don't forget to hang on to your baggage claim ticket as you will definitely need it should your bag go missing.

Finally, if you are travelling with someone else consider putting a change of clothes in their suitcase. So, if you are like me and crying over spilled milk ... in your lap, you will at least have something to change into.

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Lighten up Passover with simple and tasty Mandelbrot (Biscotti)



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These biscotti are phenomenal, not to mention very simple, by just using matzo cake meal and potato starch. Be sure not to use just Matzo meal.

1. Combine eggs, sugar, vanilla and oil. Add remaining ingredients (except for chocolate drizzle) and mix until well combined.

2. Form into one log and place on baking sheet lined with foil and sprayed with vegetable oil.

3. Bake at 350 F, 30 minutes.

4. Lower oven to 300 F, let cookies cool for 15 minutes, then sliced into 1-inch biscotti, lay on side, and bake another 35 minutes.

5. Drizzle: Melt chocolate and oil in microwave for 2 minutes on defrost or until chocolate begins to melt. Whisk until smooth and drizzle over biscotti.

Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/3 cup oil
- 1 1/3 cups matzo cake meal
- 1/3 cup potato starch
- 3/4 cup semi sweet chocolate chips

- chips
- 1/2 cup toasted chopped pecans
- Chocolate drizzle**
- 3 tbsp semi sweet chocolate chips
- 1 tsp oil



This recipe makes 18 pieces. COURTESY OF ROSE REISMAN

Passover Food Facts

Here's some food info about the holiday commemorating the Exodus, the liberation of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt in the time of Moses.

- **Yeast.** Food that contains yeast is prohibited during Passover.
- **Matzo.** Unleavened bread is a central feature of the festival. In addition, all leaven must also be removed from the house during Passover, a symbolic way of removing the "puffiness" (pride) from one's soul. Leaven includes anything made from the five major grains completely cooked within 18 minutes after coming into contact with water.

Reader's note

Not all Passover traditions are the same, so the dishes on this page may not meet all dietary requirements or restrictions.

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Sweet endings with Matzo Toffee Bars

1. Heat the oven to 375 F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil. Arrange the matzo in a single layer over the baking sheet. Set aside.

2. In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine the margarine and brown sugar. Stirring constantly, melt just until incorporated. Remove from the heat and stir in the vanilla. Pour the mixture over the matzo, then bake for 10 to 15 minutes, or until deep golden brown and bubbling all over.

3. Remove the baking sheet from the oven and immedi-

Ingredients

- 6 sheets matzo (or enough to cover a baking sheet)
- 1 cup (2 sticks) margarine
- 1 1/2 cups packed brown sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 1/4 cups chocolate chips
- Sea salt (optional)
- Slivered almonds, toasted (optional)



This recipe serves 18. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ately sprinkle with the chocolate chips. Wait 2 minutes for the chocolate to melt. Using a spatula, spread the chocolate in an even layer. Sprinkle with salt and almonds, if using. Transfer the baking

sheet to the freezer until set. Break into pieces, then store in an airtight container.

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Does social media really matter?

What's it to you?

It's been hyped, criticized and dissected to death. So is it worth all the fuss?

JELEEN YU

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Social media has been hailed almost unanimously as a revolutionary tool for business, and for good reason. But there's one question that has hounded it since it first came into the picture: Does social media have any "real" worth?

Yes, very much so, according to Toan Dinh, director of marketing and solutions for corporate disclosure filings research provider DisclosureNet. "Although I think it's true that many businesses still think that social media isn't a true driver

Return on investment

"When social media delivers results, it is one of the highest ROI strategies in the digital marketing portfolio."

Toan Dinh
Director of marketing and solutions

of key results, I've come to know many organizations that do embrace social media as an essential part of their marketing pillars."

Social media's results "speak for themselves"

The root cause of doubt, he says, is the common perception that social media is simply a short-term marketing strategy. "Many companies are still testing the ideas of social media and haven't come to a conclusion yet. They often give up too

early on social media, or that they have unrealistic expectations of how long it takes for social media to reach 'critical mass,'" he explains.

Still, whether or not naysayers believe social media management to be a "real" job, Dinh believes the results speak for themselves. Having had extensive experience in hiring for digital marketing positions, he says that, in many companies, the social media team doesn't merely consist of one manager, but a whole team of social media specialists executing campaigns on a daily basis. He notes, "When social media delivers results, it is one of the highest ROI strategies in the digital marketing portfolio."

It also helps that social media metrics have progressed by leaps and bounds in recent years, giving a sense of tangibility to reports on its effectiveness. Ryerson University's Ted Rogers School of Management professor Dr. Donna Smith notes that while social media research isn't really indicative of consumer purchase behaviour, it is much more refined than it used to be. "There are now sophisticated programs that have the ability to crawl the web for information. Marketers can monitor the strength of sentiment of a brand (on a scale of one to five), consumer behaviour and other factors by analyzing social media chatter or channel usage," she says.

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Social media is here to stay, especially when it comes to marketing. ISTOCK

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Pursue a communications-type marketing position even if social media roles aren't immediately available. This can open the door to full-time work when the company wants to take their marketing strategy to the next level. ISTOCK

The keyboard calls to you. Interested in a social media career? Here's some #AwesomeAdvice

JELEEN YU

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If you're looking toward a career in social media management, it's best to start building your bridges as early as you can.

"A digital marketing background is a great place to start," says Ryerson University professor Dr. Donna Smith.

Adapting to the fast-paced, demanding and ever-changing environment of social media, marketing & solutions director Toan Dinh adds, is another thing that all potential candidates have to face. Want to get a head start on a social media management career?

Do your homework

Find ways to learn more about marketing strategies in your industry of choice

- Read books, articles and reports that explain how social media fits into corporate marketing strategies, or pick the brains of people in the know, like professionals or university instructors.

Build your own personal social media channels so that you can be immersed in the industry while looking for that next opportunity

Meeting the top players before you even enter the field shows you're serious about forging a career path in the industry. Create strong connections by expressing a sincere, earnest and can-do attitude and you'll have better chances of getting your foot in the door.

Volunteer for non-profit organizations that provide social media management opportunities

Apart from gaining valuable networking opportunities and offering your time to a worthy cause, volunteering as a social media manager will give you a feel for how the job actually works, without any pressure.

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Here are Toan's suggestions for greatness:

Strengthen your communication skills (formally and informally)

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Cutting the kids off no longer computes

Let's talk about tech.

A frank discussion about privacy and posts will resonate with your student more than a strict, no-Internet sentence

After Friendster came MySpace. By the time Facebook dominated social media, parents had joined the party, too. But the online scene has changed — dramatically, as it turns out — and these days even if you're friends with your own kids on Facebook, it doesn't mean you know what they're doing.

Thousands of software programs now offer cool new ways to chat and swap pictures. The most popular apps turn a humdrum snapshot into artistic photography or broadcast your location to friends in case they want to meet you. Kids who use them don't need a credit card or even a cellphone, just an Internet connection and device such as an iPod Touch or Kindle Fire.

Parents who want to keep up with the curve should stop thinking in terms of imposing time limits or banning social media services, which are stopgap measures. Experts say it's time to talk frankly to kids about privacy controls and remind them — again — how nothing in cyberspace ever really goes away, even when software companies promise it does.

"What sex education used to be, it's now the 'technology talk' we have to have with our kids," said Rebecca Levey, a mother of 10-year-old twin daughters who runs a tween video review site called KidzVuz.com and blogs about technology and educations



Rebecca Levey, mother of 10-year-old twin girls, feels that children need to understand the pitfalls of carelessly sharing personal information online.

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Does Junior know?

- Online services routinely collect personal data, such as a person's birth date or the location of their phone, and they commonly share the information with third parties for marketing.

issues.

More than three-fourths of teenagers have a cellphone and use online social networking sites such as Facebook, according to the Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project. But Facebook for teens has become a bit like a school-sanctioned prom — a rite of passage with plenty of adult chaperones — while newer apps such as Snapchat and Kik Messenger are the

much cooler after-party.

Even Facebook acknowledged in a recent regulatory filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission that it was losing younger users: "We believe that some of our users, particularly our younger users, are aware of and actively engaging with other products and services similar to, or as a substitute for, Facebook," the company warned investors in February.

Parents often hand their kids a mobile device without understanding exactly what it can do, said Dale Harkness, a technology director at Richmond-Burton Community High School in Richmond, Ill. He estimates that even without using social media services, the average high school student probably transmits some 150 texts a day.

"It's not anything that

every parent and grandparent hasn't already seen," Harkness said. The problem, he adds, is that actions "get documented,

replayed and sent around." He said that students "forget how fast it moves and how far it goes."

The Net and the bees

"What sex education used to be, it's now the 'technology talk' we have to have with our kids."

Rebecca Levey
KidzVuz.com

Levey links her kids' devices to her iTunes account so she's aware of programs they install. She also requires that her kids make their accounts accessible to her and follow certain ground rules: protect your passwords, set privacy controls and never transmit inappropriate pictures or words.

A big hurdle for parents is overcoming the idea they are invading their kids' privacy by monitoring online activity, she said. In fact, she said, it can be the kid's first lesson that hardly anything online is private, anyway.

"If they want privacy," she said, "they should write in a journal and hide it under their mattress."

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For Metro

One person's garbage is another person's treasure and the same can be said for certain types of gold and silver jewelry.

Some gold and silver items are worth more to some buyers for their collectible value rather than simply the "melt" value of their gold content, according to Canada Gold Vancouver regional development manager Gregory Neilson. That's why some sellers should consider selling privately.

"These might include items such as quality, undamaged fashionable jewelry or rare collectible coins," he says. "It wouldn't make sense to sell these kinds of items to a typical cash-for-gold buyer,

Certified funds

"People should make sure to do their homework and never part with their items before receiving all of the money from the buyer in certified funds."

Gregory Neilson, Canada Gold Vancouver regional development manager

as they only pay for the precious metal content."

Industry experts suggest that before selling these items, people should know for certain what type of precious metals they have, how much it weighs and the purity of the gold and details about any gemstones that may be included. The best course of action is to have the item professionally appraised so the buyer can access the details.

Neilson says the best place to sell these specific types of items for the most money would be websites

like Craigslist, eBay or Kijiji, but he warns there are some risks involved in selling online.

"People should make sure to do their homework and never part with their items before receiving all of the money from the buyer in certified funds."

The second choice might be to sell the items through a consignment shop. While there will be less risk and less work on the part of the seller, they generally have to give up at least 20 per cent of the value as commission to the consignor, and sometimes up to 40 per cent.

"There are many good consignment shops in cities all across Canada and even some online," Neilson says.

Many experts caution against selling at pawn shops though, unless the seller is willing to take a small fraction of the item's value. If there is an emergency and you need to sell the item fast, there are ways to sell faster online such as "Buy it Now" or sell the jewelry auction style.



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MLB

Romero to start season in Florida

Ricky Romero's encouraging start Tuesday was not enough to make up for a rocky pre-season.

The Toronto Blue Jays announced that the left-hander has been optioned to single-A Dunedin of the Florida State League.

The move came shortly after Romero picked up the win in Toronto's 6-3 victory over Pittsburgh. It was considered a make-or-break start for Romero, who had a decent outing but didn't do enough to make up for his spring struggles.

Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos said the left-hander simply ran out of time to make himself as good as he should be to be part of the club's rotation. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

NHL

Crosby's goal all Pens need in win over Canadiens

Sidney Crosby scored the game's only goal late in the second period and the Pittsburgh Penguins extended their winning streak to 13 with a 1-0 victory over Montreal on Tuesday night.

Pittsburgh goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury stopped all 22 shots he faced but did not play in the third period following a collision in front of the Penguins' net. Tomas Vokoun filled in and made 15 saves to give Pittsburgh just the fourth combined shutout in franchise history.

Carey Price made 24 saves for the Canadiens.

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St. Louis Blues winger Chris Stewart is knocked down by Edmonton Oilers defenceman Nick Schultz in front of Oilers goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin on Tuesday in St. Louis. Khabibulin earned his 46th career shutout in a 3-0 win. **CHRIS LEE/ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Oilers take care of their St. Louis Blues

NHL. Khabibulin and Eberle help Edmonton win in the Lou for the first time since 2009

Nikolai Khabibulin stopped 43 shots and Jordan Eberle had two goals and an assist as the Edmonton Oilers shut out the St. Louis Blues 3-0 Tuesday.

The victory was the first for the Oilers in four games, which included a 3-0 loss to the Blues on Saturday in Edmonton. It was the Oilers' first win

in St. Louis since Dec. 11, 2009.

Despite notching a season high in shots, St. Louis lost for the third time in four games and was shut out for the third time this season. It also had a four-game home winning streak snapped.

Taylor Hall, who assisted on both of Eberle's goals, also scored. It was his eighth of the season off a rebound from Eberle, who skated in on a breakaway.

Khabibulin earned his first shutout of the season, and the 46th of his career.

He stopped 21 shots in

On Tuesday

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Oilers

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Blues

the second period, including two breakaways. He first kept David Perron from scoring to set up Eberle's second goal and later stopped David Backes from close range.

Eberle has nine goals this

season and his three-point night ended a three-game drought. It also marked his first three-point game of the season. It's the second time he has scored twice for the Oilers. He notched two goals in a 6-4 victory over Colorado on Feb. 16.

Jake Allen entered the game with an 8-2 record and 2.26 goals-against average, before giving up three goals on seven shots. He was pulled after Hall's goal and replaced by Jaroslav Halak.

The Oilers finished with 19 shots. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Longtime NHL assistant Wayne Fleming dies

NHL. 'Talented' former Oilers coach won Olympic gold, silver with Team Canada

Longtime NHL assistant coach Wayne Fleming has died at the age of 62 after a battle with brain cancer.

Fleming's career in the NHL spanned 14 seasons with the New York Islanders, Phoenix Coyotes, Philadelphia Flyers, Calgary Flames, Edmonton Oilers and Tampa Bay Lightning.

"Thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Fleming family," tweeted Lightning star Steven Stamkos.

Fleming also coached internationally, including stints as head coach of Leksand in Sweden, EV Landshut in Germany and Avangard Omsk in Russia.

Wayne was a great coach, a tremendous family man and friend to us all,"



Former NHL assistant coach Wayne Fleming GETTY IMAGES

Flames president and CEO Ken King said in a statement.

Canadian women's star Hayley Wickenheiser called Fleming "one of the great contributors to Canadian hockey and a wonderful man."

After stints as a head coach in Europe, Fleming entered the NHL and joined the Islanders as an assistant

Quoted

"The hockey community has lost a wonderful family member today with the passing of Wayne Fleming."

Flames president and CEO Ken King in a statement

coach for the 1997-98 season.

He returned to the national team in 2000 as vice-president of hockey operations and head coach, leading Canada behind the bench at the 2001 and 2002 IIHF world championships. He served as an assistant at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games and 2004 World Cup of Hockey.

Fleming returned to the NHL as an assistant with the Philadelphia Flyers from 2002-06 and Calgary Flames from 2006-08 before serving as head coach of Avangard Omsk of the Kontinental Hockey League in 2008-09.

He was an assistant coach with the Edmonton Oilers in 2009-10 before joining the Lightning.

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Sony Open

Djokovic dropped by Haas in 4th round

Three-time champion Novak Djokovic lost to Tommy Haas,

6-2, 6-4 Tuesday in the fourth round of the Sony Open.

The defeat ended Djokovic's 14-match winning streak at Key Biscayne, Fla., where he won the tournament the past two years.

The top-ranked Djokovic has lost two of his past four matches after winning 22 in a row, including the Australian Open for his sixth Grand Slam title.

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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Miami	56	14	.800	—
x-New York	43	26	.623	12½
x-Indiana	44	27	.620	12½
x-Brooklyn	41	29	.586	15
Chicago	38	31	.551	17½
Atlanta	39	32	.549	17½
Boston	36	34	.514	20
Milwaukee	34	35	.493	21½
Philadelphia	27	43	.386	29
Toronto	26	44	.371	30
Washington	26	44	.371	30
Detroit	24	48	.333	33
Cleveland	22	47	.319	33½
Orlando	18	53	.254	38½
Charlotte	16	54	.229	40

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	53	17	.757	—
x-Oklahoma City	52	19	.732	1½
x-L.A. Clippers	48	22	.686	5
x-Denver	49	23	.681	5
x-Memphis	47	23	.671	6
Golden State	41	31	.569	13
Houston	39	31	.557	14
L.A. Lakers	36	35	.507	17½
Utah	35	36	.493	18½
Dallas	34	36	.486	19
Portland	33	37	.471	20
Minnesota	25	44	.362	27½
New Orleans	25	46	.352	28½
Sacramento	25	46	.352	28½
Phoenix	23	48	.324	30½

Tuesday's results

New York 100 Boston 85
Minnesota 105 Detroit 82
L.A. Clippers at Dallas

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern

Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Boston at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Memphis at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Houston, 8 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 9 p.m.
Brooklyn at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	34	26	8	0	117	84	52
New Jersey	33	15	11	7	82	89	37
NY Rangers	32	16	13	3	78	78	35
NY Islanders	33	15	15	3	96	107	33
Philadelphia	32	13	17	2	84	99	28

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	31	21	7	3	89	66	45
Montreal	32	20	7	5	98	78	45
Ottawa	33	18	9	6	86	72	42
Toronto	34	18	13	3	102	97	39
Buffalo	33	13	16	4	87	102	30

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Winnipeg	34	18	14	2	88	99	38
Carolina	31	15	14	2	86	90	32
Washington	33	15	17	1	94	93	31
Tampa Bay	33	14	18	1	105	99	29
Florida	34	9	19	6	80	119	24

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

Tuesday's results

Chicago 2 Calgary 0
Edmonton 3 St. Louis 0
N.Y. Islanders 3 Washington 2
N.Y. Rangers 5 Philadelphia 2
Pittsburgh 1 Montreal 0
Tampa Bay 2 Buffalo 1
Toronto 3 Florida 2
Winnipeg 4 Carolina 1
Columbus at Vancouver

Monday's results

Boston 3 Toronto 2
Detroit 3 Phoenix 2
Los Angeles 5 Chicago 4
Minnesota 7 Dallas 4
Nashville 3 Edmonton 2
Ottawa 3 New Jersey 2 (SO)
San Jose 5 Anaheim 3

Wednesday's games

All Times Eastern
Montreal at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
Colorado at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Anaheim at San Jose, 10 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	32	25	4	3	108	71	53
Detroit	33	17	11	5	90	83	39
St. Louis	32	17	13	2	92	89	36
Nashville	33	14	13	6	83	88	34
Columbus	32	13	13	6	75	85	32

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Minnesota	31	19	10	2	86	75	40
Vancouver	32	17	9	6	87	85	40
Edmonton	32	12	13	7	77	91	31
Calgary	31	12	15	4	85	105	28
Colorado	31	11	16	4	79	100	26

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	32	22	6	4	104	83	48
Los Angeles	32	18	12	2	93	80	38
San Jose	31	14	11	6	76	82	34
Dallas	32	15	14	3	87	97	33
Phoenix	32	13	15	4	82	90	30

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Crosby, Pgh	14	39	53
Stamkos, TB	22	19	41
Kunitz, Pgh	19	22	41
St-Louis, TB	7	33	40
Kane, Chi	17	22	39
Getzlaf, Ana	12	25	37
Staal, Car	14	21	35
Kadri, Tor	14	21	35
Datsyuk, Det	11	24	35
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Vanek, Buf	16	17	33
Moulson, NYI	11	22	33
Toews, Chi	16	16	32
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Duchene, Col	12	20	32
Zetterberg, Det	8	24	32
Ovechkin, Wash	16	15	31
Parenteau, Col	14	17	31
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Looking out for No. 1: New Woods ad ruffles feathers

Golf. Nike says promo meant as salute to recent win, not Tiger's past marital misfortunes

Maybe winning doesn't take care of everything.

Nike is causing a social media storm with its latest online ad showing a picture of Tiger Woods overlaid with a quote from him: "Winning takes care of everything."

The ad, posted on Facebook and Twitter, is supposed to allude to the fact that the golfer recovered from career stumbles to regain his world No. 1 ranking on Monday. But some say it's inappropriate in light of Woods' past marital woes. It's the latest contro-



Some say this Nike ad, posted all over social media sites, is inappropriate in light of Tiger Woods's past marital woes. NIKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

versy from the athletic giant.

Woods has long used the phrase — at least since 2009 — whenever reporters ask him about his or other golfers' rankings.

The ad has garnered hundreds of comments, many congratulating Woods on the ranking, but others commenting that the ad sends the wrong message in light

of Woods' past problems. His five-year marriage to Elin Nordegren collapsed in 2010 after multiple affairs came to light.

Others responded on Twitter. Annie Kessler, 25, in Columbus, Ohio, tweeted that the ad was a "poor choice" for Nike. She said it is inappropriate because of Woods' past infidelity.

Nike spokeswoman Beth Gast said that the ad references Wood's refrain that he competes to win.

"When asked about his goals such as getting back to number one, he has said consistently winning is the way to get there," she said in an email response to a query. "The statement references that sentiment and is a salute to his athletic performance."

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California coronation in D.C.

Los Angeles Kings head coach Darryl Sutter watches as U.S. President Barack Obama heads a soccer ball during an event to honour the 2012 seasons of the Stanley Cup champion Kings and the MLS champion Los Angeles Galaxy at the White House on Tuesday. SUSAN WALSH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Yankees complete deal for Wells

A trade sending outfielder Vernon Wells from the Los Angeles Angels to the New York Yankees was finalized Tuesday.

New York dealt a pair of minor leaguers to the Angels on Tuesday for Wells. Outfielder Exircado Cayones and left-hander Kramer Sneed. The Angels will pay about \$28.5 million of the \$42 million Wells is owed over the final two seasons of his contract. The Yankees will pay most of his salary this year, a move designed to help the Angels stay under the luxury-tax threshold of \$178 million.

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- **Transmissions.** Eight-speed automatic
- **Base price (including destination).** \$41,600

4x4

The Grand Cherokee continues with three different 4x4 systems: single-speed Quadra-Trac I; Quadra-Trac II with a two-speed transfer case (low range for severe off-roading); and Quadra-Drive II that can direct torque to a single tire instead of just front to back.

Engine

For 2014 an all-new V6 turbo-diesel comes on-stream. Although it has the same 3.0-litre displacement offered on the 2007/08 GC (that was sourced from Mercedes-Benz), the new version is built by an Italian supplier, which is understandable given Fiat's dominating control of Chrysler. Its 240 horsepower and 420 pound-feet of torque trump the previous 215/376 ratings.

Jeep is reinforcing its new cleaned-up turbo-diesel by labelling it the "EcoDiesel." Maintaining its clean bill of health involves the injection of a substance known as urea into a chamber just ahead of the muffler. The organic-based compound reacts with and neutralizes the engine's nitrogen oxide gasses. It then burns off the remaining soot and expels what little is left. The 30-litre urea reservoir should last for about 16,000 kilometres before requiring a \$50 to \$60 top-up.

Transmission

The other component added to the EcoDiesel mix is an eight-speed automatic transmission. In fact, all Grand Cherokee power plants will be connected to the new gear changer. Jeep says it provides quicker acceleration, smoother shifting and improved fuel economy. The rear-wheel-drive EcoDiesel GC is rated at 10.3 l/100 km city and 7.1 highway. By comparison, the base gasoline 3.6 earns a 12.3/7.9 rating.

Review. Is it a case of 'adapt or die,' or is it just along for a high-tech ride?

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Sport utility vehicles might be fading from the automotive landscape, but at least a couple of Chrysler's Jeep-branded models tenaciously hold firm

to the go-anywhere concept.

Of course Jeep's warrior-inspired Wrangler is the group's undisputed icon, but there's certainly nothing old-fashioned about the updated Grand Cherokee that's now rolling off the assembly lines. The new 2014 model shows a freshly scrubbed face plus some major adjustments under the hood.

The current-generation GC that arrived for the 2010 model year was a hit right out of the gate with stylish looks,

sure-footed suspension and a smooth-running 290-horsepower V6 engine. The 360- and 470-horsepower "Hemi" V8 options (the latter attached to the super-swift SRT model) have added considerable performance luster to the lineup, but it's the fuel-efficient V6 that has contributed the most to the GC's continuing popularity.

Opting for the EcoDiesel adds \$5,000 to the \$56,600 price tag of the Grand Cherokee Overland (the base 3.6 Laredo

starts at \$41,600). Factor in the extra cost of diesel fuel, and the EcoDiesel upgrade doesn't seem quite so tempting.

But the 3,265-kilogram tow rating matches the 5.7-litre V8's while providing a 550-kilogram advantage over the gas V6 models. And the estimated 1,170 maximum cruising range might persuade buyers to seriously consider the extra expenditure.

Returning is Jeep's available air suspension with five separ-

ate height settings, along with Selec-Terrain that allows the driver to adjust the 4x4 and height/transmission settings for sand, mud, snow, rock or sport. The latter reduces the degree of traction control, lowers the ride height and directs extra torque to the rear wheels.

The physical improvements and expanded engine lineup make the Grand Cherokee a more complete package and an exemplary member of the dwindling sport ute fraternity.

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Toronto to Wawa — about 900 kilometres — on a litre of gasoline may seem impossible.

Not to the University of Toronto's Supermileage team, as engineering students aim to get just that kind of mileage at Shell's Eco-Marathon Americas in Houston, April 5 to 7.

The seventh annual Eco-Marathon, held in the Americas, Europe and Asia, challenges university, college, and high school students around the globe to design, build and run their energy-efficient automotive inventions powered by various fuels and battery systems.

Going the furthest on the least amount of energy is the goal. Entrants are awarded in categories that include ingenuity in eco-design, safety and technical features as well as for their perseverance and team spirit.

A record was set last year when the Mater Dei High

School team from Evansville, Indiana got the equivalent of 880 km/litre with their motorized prototype.

These U of T engineering students have worked together the past 18 months planning to raise the fuel efficiency bar even higher with their entry: Journey 1.

Powered by a 1.3 hp, custom fuel-injected Honda leaf blower motor, with their own carbon fibre designed body on an aluminum tube frame and chassis that all weighs less than 45 kilos (100 pounds), Journey 1's team members are confident their vehicle will easily maintain the minimum required competition speed of 24 km/h, and even hit 35.

It's the first year Toronto's U of T students have entered the contest, which Quebec's Université Laval has won three times, and they are up to the challenge.

"A lot of teams have a previous year's car to work on, their benchmark, but we've had absolutely nothing to work off of. We had to start from scratch," said Jonathan Hamway, one of the Supermileage team's senior members, all of whom are working on internship jobs during a gap period between their third and fourth year of en-

gineering studies.

"I was excited to join the design team because I'm really into cars," said first-year student Tabish Gilani, one of the eight-member group's youngest participants. "I've really learned a lot working in a team that has a common goal."

Involving both younger and older students is the key to establishing a solid foundation. "The best way to do that is by building with junior students who will keep the torch going," said David Sinton, a U of T mechanical engineering professor and director of the school's Institute for Sustainable Energy.

The eco-marathon course is nearly a kilometre on city streets circling the 12-acre Discovery Green Park in downtown Houston. The teams from Brazil, Canada, Guatemala, Mexico and the U.S. must complete 10 laps.

"New records are being set each year and I'm rooting for a Canadian team to bring home raine Mitchelmore, president and chair of Shell Canada.

This year a record number of seven Canadian university groups from Halifax to Vancouver will be competing against more than 140 teams from across the Americas.

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From left, Michael Stranges, Tabish Gilani, Monika Torio, Jonathan Hamway and Kunal Taneja are five of the eight Supermileage team members heading to compete in the Shell Eco-Marathon Americas race in Houston from April 5 to 7. HENRY STANCU/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Used CC: Sensible style and luxury

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2009 to 2012

Volkswagen Passat CC

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Bringing Volkswagen's presence into the world of so-called four-door coupes, the VW Passat CC packed four doors onto a low-slung, sleek body that wouldn't look out of place on a sports coupe. Designed for elegance and an upscale, sophisticated look, the Passat CC was an affordable head-turner packed full of premium features. Note that the Passat was also available in a more traditional sedan or station wagon model for shoppers requiring something more mainstream.

Common Issues

Triple-check all interior electronics, including the windows, motorized seats, sunroof and stereo/navigation system.

Ensure the engine operates smoothly at idle, and at light, moderate and full throttle while driving. Hesitation or "lumpy" power delivery, possibly accompanied by a check-engine light, could be the result of one or more faulty ignition coil packs, which power the vehicle's spark plugs. VW's ignition coil packs are well known to be failure-prone, though they're relatively inexpensive and simple to fix.

Shifting issues on a model with the DSG transmission



could be caused by a faulty mechatronics unit, which controls the advanced gearbox. Opt for a model with the manual transmission to be safe, where possible.

The available 3.6-litre V6 engine had numerous well-documented examples of engine failure in earlier Passat models, though it's relatively unclear if the issue (failure of a bolt within the engine) had been fixed by the time the CC rolled around. Opt for a four-cylinder model where possible.

Engines



Power came from a 2-litre turbocharged four-cylinder engine with 200 horsepower, or a 3.6-litre V6 with 280. The four-cylinder model came in front-wheel drive only, and with DSG or manual transmission choices. The V6 could be teamed only with a six-speed automatic and all wheel drive.

What owners like



CC owners rave about a comfortable interior, plenty of creature comforts, a high-dollar feel and smooth, quiet ride. A sense of pride, expensive looks and styling are also highly rated, and most owners say performance is more than adequate.

What owners dislike



Some owners wish for more rear-seat room, better outward visibility and a fully-functional moonroof, as the factory unit only tilts and doesn't slide. Taller drivers may wish for more headroom.

Verdict

For low running costs and higher potential reliability, a four-cylinder model with the manual transmission is your best bet. A well-maintained model should provide access to a driving experience with higher-than-average levels of refinement and enjoyment relative to its price.

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Parking meters are a window into the soul

Auto Pilot. What your parking meter usage reveals about you



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A parking meter is not just a device to pay for street parking. How a person uses or doesn't use a parking meter says a lot about them.

If you find yourself drunk and sawing the heads off parking meters, like Paul Newman's character did in the movie *Cool Hand Luke*, it probably says you should back off the booze a bit.

Otherwise, it might be about how much risk you're willing to take. My friend Bob and I usually take turns driving to our downtown badminton club. There's pay-enforced street parking until 9 p.m. If he drives and it's 8:45 p.m., he doesn't think twice about rolling the dice with the parking meter police.

When I'm driving, I always

make sure I'm paid up until 9 p.m. I don't like gambling of any kind. So there's that, and the fact that during one bad spell I got so many parking meter-related tickets out of carelessness that I gave up.

I pay even if it's just a minute to run in for coffee. I overpay even. The parking meter people won. They beat me down like a pack of young boys in a circle trying to kill a snake in long grass, with shovels.

Another badminton mate, Robert, goes a bit out of his way to find non-metered (and free) parking. He does this not because he's cheap, but because he's principled. He can't abide the reality that he could drive his car continuously on the streets 24/7, but the second he stops on the side of the road he has to pay.

He reasons it's the same piece of pavement, as a taxpayer, that he has already paid for. He's got a point, and it got me thinking about a new use for self-driving vehicles — as drones to make sure you never have to stop for pay-enforced parking.

Nothing enrages people like that yellow parking ticket

Parking meter fun facts!

- The world's first installed parking meter was in Oklahoma City on July 16, 1935.
- In 1960, New York City hired its first crew of meter maids — all women. The first man was hired in 1967.
- Chicago has North America's highest downtown parking meter rates — \$6.50 per hour.

under the wipers. People fight parking tickets with the energy, vehemence and resolve usually reserved for toppling corrupt regimes. This could reveal that you have untapped reserves of chutzpah. Or that you should be chilling out a bit more ... maybe try pilates.

At this point, wanna joke about a parking ticket? No. Fine. Apparently that's an actual joke about a parking ticket.

See, even the jokes about parking tickets suck. Parking tickets are not cool.



Parking meters are seemingly banal, but oh-so telling. ISTOCK

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Diesel dilemma: Going nowhere fast?

Autoknow. Audi A5 coupe is the perfect car to prove that diesels are, in fact, for real

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Chevrolet is doing it with the Cruze and Mazda is going to do it with the new Mazda6. Of course, Volkswagen has been doing it forever, while the Jeep Grand Cherokee is going to get back into it.

"It," of course, refers to diesel engines, which have been a no-brainer in Europe for decades.

And then there's this car. Walter de'Silvia once said it's the most beautiful car he has ever designed. He should know all about that, since he heads up the styling department at Audi.

And the gleaming blue A5 coupe sure looks like a sports car with two doors, six-speed manual transmission and 19-inch wheels. The base engine is a stout gasoline V6 with 265 horsepower. There's a supercharged model, called the S5, with about 60 more horsepower. Both have Quattro all-wheel-drive. But this ... is different. It's an A5 sports car with a diesel engine.

Of course it's not available in North America — yet — but it is available in Europe. And

a fast drive on an unlimited-speed section of the German Autobahn is just the ticket to confirm this two-door's claim as a true sports machine. Out here, looking the part just isn't going to cut it, especially when nearly every other car is a BMW or a Mercedes-Benz driving in the fast lane.

The A5's 220-horsepower 3.0-litre diesel engine is a new strain of diesel with a combination of civil driving characteristics, outstanding torque (more than 400 pound-feet from a small V6, which is nearly double that of the gas V6) and a projected average fuel economy in the 5.5-l/100-km range.

In terms of performance, Audi's numbers are 5.9 seconds for the sprint to 96 km/h and a top speed of 248 km/h, 0.2 seconds quicker and 50 km/h faster than the base gas V6. Wow.

Largely absent from North American roads, thrifty diesels are immensely popular in Europe, where fuel costs significantly more. At home in Canada, diesels are relegated to strong-man work, sometimes deemed too uncouth for much of anything else. But a new-generation diesel is upon us that uses cleaner fuel while filtering out the black grime that used to be synonymous with diesel ownership.

But a sports car? It's the perfect vehicle to prove that diesels are, in fact, for real. Audi also has sound logic for



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turbocharger to build boost pressure — is present, but then an exhilarating rush of torque has you on your way. But almost immediately, you have to shift. Yes, probably the most obvious adjustment to your driving style, especially in a sports car, is learning to short-shift the diesel — which means to shift much sooner than you're used to.

For example, the gas V8 in the Audi RS5 pulls past 8,000 revs. The diesel? A whopping 4,500. So, you spend much more time shifting up and down when you drive a diesel sports car because the time spent in any gear is minimized by the very narrow rev range. The A5 diesel would no doubt

be quicker to 96 km/h than Audi's claim of 5.2 if the driver didn't have to go through so many shifts to get there.

On the plus side, the engine is only running at 4,200 revs or so at the maximum speed, which we can verify to be 248 km/h, or slightly better, as shown on the speedometer. At that rate, the A5 is gobbling up a football field every 1.3 seconds.

Will diesel fly? If it can fly like this on the Autobahn, then it just might have a chance.

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It's usually tough to act all cool when you're driving a diesel, but this isn't any ordinary diesel.

its development of diesel engines: the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency predicts that 500 million barrels of crude oil could be saved every year in the United States alone if just one third of all vehicles were diesel powered. While about half of European vehicles are equipped with diesels, in North America that number plunges into single-digit territory.

So, here we are just outside of Munich, Germany, on a sunny spring day with the Alps carving a distinct-but-random path across the horizon.

Despite what you might have heard about the quietness of new-generation diesels, you can still tell this A5 has a diesel, although at idle it's as quiet as any gas engine. Winging the throttle reveals a slight ticking, like a loud cat purring, at the lower end of the rev range, but nothing offensive.

A small hint of turbo lag — the time it takes for the



The fact that its rev ceiling is only about 4,500 rpm means you are rowing the six-speed manual transmission a lot. One strategy is to keep one gear ahead of where you would need to be with a gas engine.

For pets sake, everyone should buckle up

Driving Force. Your pet can become a deadly projectile in an accident, so keep them restrained

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You wouldn't drive even a few blocks without buckling up your children, but what about your pets? Letting them ride unrestrained can pose a serious danger to the pet, to people in the car and even to first responders if something happens and you need help.

Pets are safest when tethered in the rear seat, says Christina Selter, editor at safety advocacy group BarkBuckleUP. "They can sit down or move around, but they can't fall off the seat, and they can't get out of the vehicle," she says.

Your steering wheel and dash contain airbags that can

deploy at 300 km/h in a crash. If your dog is on your lap, the airbag will kill it. It will also slam the animal into your abdomen, causing internal injuries. It's also distracting to drive with a pet on your lap, and your steering ability is severely limited, especially in emergency situations.

If your pet gets behind the brake pedal — a favourite spot for cats — you'll cause serious injury when you hit the brakes, and you won't be able to stop safely.

As well, an unrestrained animal can fly through the car with deadly force. Selter says that if you crash at just 56 km/h, your 27 kg dog will become a 1,224 kg projectile that can seriously injure or even kill human passengers.

Your dog could become territorial with first responders, preventing them from helping you, or your frightened pet could bolt from the car if someone opens the door. This could result in the

animal being run over, or even cause another collision as drivers try to avoid it.

Pet stores sell harnesses that secure to the car's seat belts (never buckle them in with a collar), but make sure the leash is short enough that the animal can't tumble off the seat. If you use a carrier, secure it with a seat belt so it doesn't bang around in a crash.

"Pets will get used to a travel safety product," Selter says. "Let them wear it around the house and praise them for wearing it. Do short rides at first, until they are used to whatever product you choose to use. Also, pick something that is easy for you. Most people don't use a product because it isn't easy, so find one you like."

More pet-safety tips

- Don't restrain your dog with a thin-strapped walking harness. Travel harnesses have wider straps, which help to avoid internal injuries.
- A pet can sustain fractures just by falling off the seat when you hit the brakes.
- Never let your dog ride in an open pickup truck bed, where even a fender-bender could be fatal.

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BarkBuckleUP says it's best to tether pets in the rear seat. BARKBUCKLEUP



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Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

There is no point trying to convince people who don't want to be convinced. The only way you can win over those who doubt you is by practicing what you preach.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

There may be a pile of work that needs to be done but does it have to be done immediately? Of course not. Stay calm and make today a day of relaxation.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You probably don't care in the slightest that not everyone approves of your methods. That's fine, but don't antagonize people for the sake of it. Haven't you got enough problems already?

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Both career and family matters may be under heavy influences at the moment but in a matter of days you will realize there was precious little to really be worried about. A sense of humour is a must.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Travel plans may not run smoothly today and although you may take delays in your stride other people will get hot under the collar. Make things easier for yourself, and others, by not making last minute changes.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Today's full moon may have you behaving in irrational ways, so wait a day before making important decisions. Do something positive and try not to give yourself too much time to think.

♏ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

More than likely you will find yourself at odds with loved ones. If you get through the day with no blazing rows, you will have done very well indeed.

♐ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

With the right attitude, all things are possible. With the wrong attitude even the smallest of problems seems insurmountable. Keep that thought in mind and you will find it easier to smile and get through the day.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You are acutely aware of injustice but sometimes you see injustice where it does not in fact exist. Be careful what causes you get involved in today because your emotions may be a little bit off-centre.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You know what you like and you don't care if no one else on the planet agrees. You may face considerable opposition today but in a strange way it will energize you.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Why do so many people you don't like insist on getting close to you? Maybe it's because your subconscious is attracting them. Or maybe they're in the mood for a fight. Either way, there will be ructions today.

♓ Pisces

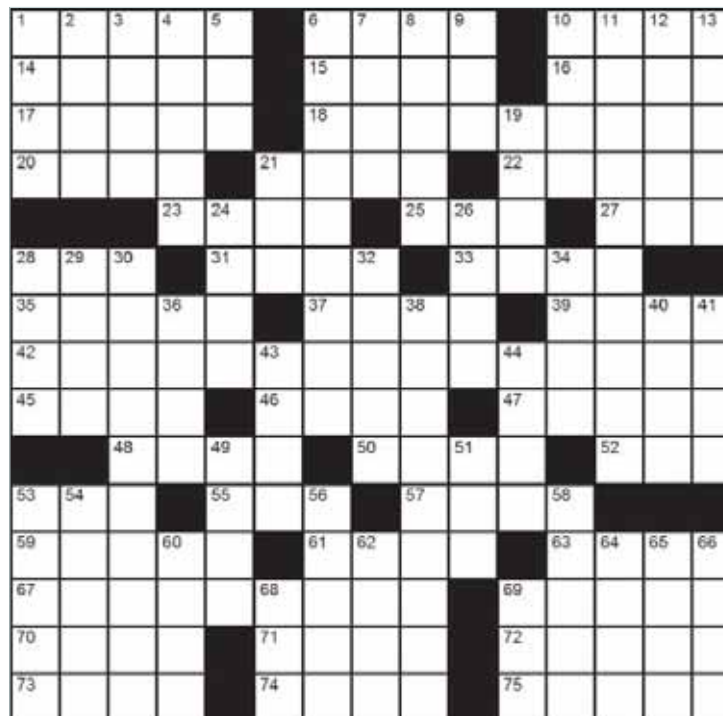
Feb. 20 - March 20

Don't jump to conclusions today or you could spend the rest of the week apologizing for something. It may look as if someone is behaving in anti-social ways but looks can be deceiving. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Singer Justin, to fans
6. "___ and Michele's High School Reunion"
10. Helper, for short
14. Sarah McLachlan song
15. Bit of a classic tongue-twister, "___ Wood sawed wood."
16. "The Cosby Show" son
17. Newfoundland's ___ Banks
18. NFB = National ___
20. Riverbank deposit
21. Reply to, for short
22. Get married again
23. Mix
25. "Hotfoot it, horse!"
27. US tax bureau
28. Bawl
31. CANADA has ___ Three As...
33. Double
35. Without the extras
37. Zap
39. NY Mets ballpark, ___ Field
42. Cadbury's seasonal treats: 3 wds.
45. Actor, Dick Van ___
46. Carrier of blood
47. Purport
48. Roof's rim thingy
50. Env. info
52. "Promiscuous" singer ...her initials-sharer
53. Decide
55. Hesitant sounds
57. Don Juan type
59. Rustic retreat
61. Potato chips brand



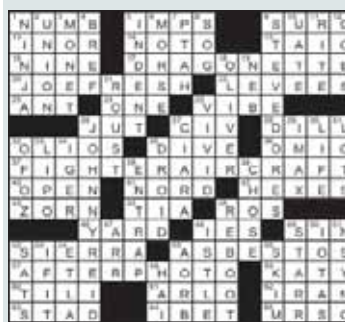
63. Does up a jacket
67. CBC series set in the Alberta foothills
69. FOX's "Glee" character
70. Rattling breathing sound
71. Border
72. Bryan Adams tune
73. Photocopies made

- bigger, for short
 74. Celebrity chef, Paula ___
 75. Where actors might be: 2 wds.
- Down**
1. Purses
 2. Crucifix inscription
 3. Equal: French
 4. Tendencies

5. Like the purchased house [abbr.]
6. Citation
7. Medical suffix
8. Ralph ___ ("Happy Days" role)
9. "Delish!"
10. Stick ___ in the water
11. Jean Chretien's home-town in Quebec

12. More dry
13. Namesakes of actor Mr. Bridges
19. Cauldron's content
21. ___ Tin Tin
24. Musical quality
26. Any thing
28. Went too fast
29. Skin care products brand
30. Sport invented in 1891 by McGill grad James Naismith
32. Governing body of The Vatican
34. Reykjavik is its cap.
36. Virginia willow
38. Canadiens great goaltender-turned-politician: 2 wds.
40. Two-days-from-Wed. exclamation!
41. Belief systems
43. Winnebago owner, informally
44. Hosiery hue
49. Let off steam
51. Li'l hairstyles
53. Earthy pigment
54. Praiseful hymn in ancient Greece
56. "Run Runaway" band from England
58. Canadian rock producer, Bob ___
60. Wraths
62. Brad's beloved, briefly
64. "Take ___ a blessing.
65. Hardwood flooring choice
66. Show to one's table
68. Zeppelin's pal
69. Hubhub

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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Stk #PW1548.



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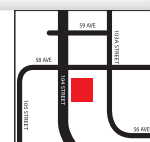
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